

**PD Council – Concourse Hotel\
Minutes**

January 24, 2013

Members Present:

John Meissner, Heather Bruemmer (Aging Liaison), Ben Barrett, Jeff Fox, Karen Secor, Toby Tyler, Joanne Zimmerman, Roberto Escamilla (phone), Charles Vandenplas (phone), Noah Hershkowitz (phone), Joanna Balsamo-Lilien (Dept. of Admin.), Barbara Billing (Commission on Insurance), Steve Dobratz (Dept. of Safety and Professional Services – Phone), Joey Torkelson, Craig Werner (DWD)

Staff:

Sarah Lincoln, Molly Michels, Dan Johnson (phone)

Called to Order: 9:20 am

Moment of Silence to recognize Sandra Stokes and Jon Baltmanis, members that have passed in this last year and significantly contributed to the PD Council.

Introductions

Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve Tyler/Zimmerman – carried

Approval of Minutes from Oct. – Motion to approve Tyler/Fox – carried

Emergency Preparedness

- The Council would like to add language to the PD Council Stateplan that says, “Continue to have representation on the WI Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to monitor the statewide efforts of emergency preparedness for people with physical disabilities in WI.

Transportation

- Logisticare has resigned as the Managed Care Medical Assistance Brokerage – the RFP has gone out and a new provider is to be selected and in place by Feb. 17, 2013. We have no other update.
- There is no update on the Parking paper that is being worked on.

Long Term Care

- Hoping that Managed Care will go Statewide with the Governor’s Budget release to begin July 1, 2013. We are hoping that the budget will include expansion to the 15 counties that currently on using the Legacy Waivers. 8 of the Counties have met with the Governor and expressed their interest in moving forward with Managed Care.
- Heather suggested that we go to Joint Finance to encourage them to support the expansion. The letter would support the expansion of Managed Care throughout the State.

- *Motion to send a letter to Joint Finance that expresses our support of Managed Care Statewide in the next budget. Fox/Tyler – carried. Ben is the lead on this letter.*
- Mike Greco from DWD sent a response letter to our letter regarding the low employment numbers of people with physical disabilities. Craig offered to take back any feedback to Mike's letter.

Liaison Report

- Commission on Insurance – Barbara Belling – no new updates.
- DWD – Craig Werner – They are very close to meeting their employment numbers for the year. The new order of selection has been implemented and it appears that there hasn't been any negative impact on enrollment and services. The Walgreens Initiative (REDI) is moving forward and there are now 5-7 stores implementing the employment program. The goal is for Walgreens to go statewide. DWD also is in the process of hiring 20 Employment Specialist (hired as project positions for the next 4 years) whose job will be to develop relationships with employer and meet the needs of employers and work with the local Workforce Development Boards to work cooperatively.
- Aging – Heather Bruemmer – The Board sent a letter to the Governor and Secretary Smith supporting the expansion of Managed Care. Heather gave an update of the new legislators and the heads of various committees after the election.
- Dept. of Administration (Housing)– Joanna Balsamo-Lilien – 2013 Annual Action Plan is now out and available for comment until Feb. 13, 2013. We plan for 9% decrease in funding – we won't know until the Gov's budget comes out. The State is getting back a lot of funding that was being misused in the past and Housing will get the opportunity to use those funds in the future. Visitability remains a very important issue to WI and is included in the plan. Movin' Out in is producing a new housing project. Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe is working on a housing project as well- they are not finalized but in the works. State Shelter Grant was awarded to 38 grantees. These funds will support homeless with MH issues. State tracking system for homeless allows us to create interesting reports - Joanna will email Sarah a report that she prepared - using that tracking system.
- Dept. of Safety and Professional Services - Steve Dobratz – They continue to do plan review and inspection to enforce accessibility rules. He is interested in the disability signage issue and will look into that a bit further for the next meeting.

State Plan Review

Update on Biannual Budget and other Leg. Activity – Michael Blumenfeld

- Update on recent election results and reviewed all the chairs of the various committees.
- Gov's budget will be announced Feb. 20, 2013.

- Michael did touch on Obama Care. There may be some federal dollars that would be increased for our State – not definite.
- Michael suggested that we send our letters to Leadership and Joint Finance.
 - *Motion to draft a letter to Gov. Walker regarding MAPP changes, expansion of Managed Care and send when appropriate. Fox/Tyler – carried. Letter will be sent around to the members and liaisons for discussion and approval.*
 - Monday, February 25, Executive Committee meeting. 9:00 AM.

Affordable Care Act with People with Disabilities – Joe Entwisle and Melissa Turner

- Reviewed a powerpoint -Introduction to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.
- There was time for Q&A.

Old Business

- Support for HR 6490 – no new update – keep on the agenda
- Support for HR 4378 – no new update – keep on the agenda

New Business

- Height and other accessible concerns for hotel beds in accessible hotel rooms.
 - According to the ADA there is not requirement for height, underneath and space around a hotel beds.
 - Steve Dobratz is going to look to see if there is any code or regulations on a state level in this regard.
- Establish Planning Committee for Legislative Breakfast – Set up call ASAP
 - Heather Bruemmer
 - Ben Barrett
 - Jeff Fox
 - Charles Vandenplas
- Recruitment of New Members – 2 vacancies.
 - Look into the term of Chris Duranceau
- Elevator and Conveyance Committee through the Safety and Professional Services are looking for a member with a disability. Apply at their website if you are interested.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2013 Inn on the Park Best Western - Legislative Breakfast

- Plan to meet the night before to plan April 17, 2012.

Motion to adjourn 3:50 p.m. Fox/Escamilla – carried.